

RESOLUTIONS

RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY PENSIONS—COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

H. J. R. No. 22

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Texas by adding to Article XVI thereof a new Section to be numbered 63, and authorizing the Legislature to provide for a statewide system of retirement and disability pensions for appointive officers and employees of the several counties of this State; providing that participation therein by counties shall be voluntary, and authorized by the qualified voters of such county; providing the Legislature shall not be authorized to make an appropriation to pay any retirement or disability benefits authorized herein; and providing that administration of said system may be committed to the same body set up to administer the statewide municipal retirement system authorized under Section 51f of Article III; providing for the calling of an election and the publication and issuance of the proclamation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding thereto a new Section, to be numbered Section 63, which shall read as follows:

"Section 63. The Legislature shall have the authority to provide for a statewide system of retirement and disability pensions for appointive officers and employees of the counties of this State under such a plan and program as the Legislature shall authorize; provided, that participation therein by counties shall be voluntary, and shall first be authorized by vote of the qualified voters of such county; provided further that the Legislature shall not be authorized to make an appropriation to pay any retirement or disability benefits authorized herein. Administration of such system may be committed to the same body as may be set up to administer the municipal retirement system provided for by Section 51f of Article III."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors at an election to be held throughout this State on the second Tuesday in November, 1951, and at said election the ballots shall have printed thereon the words:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing a statewide system for retirement and disability pensions for appointive county officials and employees," and

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment authorizing a statewide system for retirement and disability pensions for appointive county officials and employees."

Each voter shall strike out one of said clauses on his ballot, leaving the one unmarked which expresses his vote upon the proposed Amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and shall have the foregoing proposed Amendment published as required by the Constitution for proposed amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. If at said election, a majority of the votes are "FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing a statewide system for retirement and disability pensions for appointive county officials and employees" the foregoing proposed Amendment shall become Section 63 of Article XVI of the Constitution of Texas, and proclamation shall be made by the Governor thereof.

Passed by the House, April 18, 1951: Yeas 146, Nays 0; House concurred in Senate amendments, June 7, 1951: Yeas 119, Nays 0; passed by the Senate, as amended, June 6, 1951: Yeas 25, Nays 2. Approved June 15, 1951.